6.0 Growth Inducement

This section of the EIR considers the ways implementation of the proposed Redevelopment Project could directly or indirectly encourage economic or population growth in the region. CEQA refers to growth inducement as ways in which the proposed project could foster economic or population growth, or the construction of additional housing, either directly or indirectly, in the surrounding environment [CEQA Section 15126(d)]. Induced growth is any growth which exceeds planned growth and results from new development (i.e., extension of infrastructure) which would not have taken place in the absence of the proposed project.

The project will foster economic growth in the area. The proposed Redevelopment Project is intended to act as a catalyst to reverse the physical and economic blight in the area by promoting an arrangement of land use, circulation, and services which will eliminate blight and encourage and contribute to the economic, social, physical health, safety, and welfare of the community.

The Redevelopment Project improvements may include, but not be limited to, the removal and rehabilitation of physically obsolete or substandard structures; combining properties and parcels or acquiring real property where necessary to provide for open space, parking, and other needed uses; improvements to streets, drainage, and other public facilities; and façade improvements and general design improvements and structural repairs to buildings and structures.

While the project will foster economic growth in the area, the growth-inducing impact of the project is not considered to be significant. The Grantville Redevelopment Area is located in an area of the City of San Diego that has been designated urbanized by the City's General Plan and Progress Guide. The proposed Redevelopment Project is consistent with the City's requirements for the development "tier." The Navajo, Tierrasanta, and College Area Community Plan Areas are generally urbanized and are supported by existing urban infrastructure. The project will result in the extension of new infrastructure, however, no new areas will open up for development as a result of this extension. Furthermore, all development would occur within the Redevelopment Project Area.

For these reasons, the proposed project would not encourage or facilitate activities that could significantly affect the environment, individually or cumulatively.

